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ADVENTURE AWAITS...

After rescuing the human astronaut Max Strongjaw from his busted shuttle, Cosmo and his crew of Martian explorers travelled to the Earth's moon to investigate a distress signal.

What was intended to be a simple rescue mission turned into a bigger adventure when a chaotic carnival of creatures suddenly appeared...

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COULD WE MAYBE SLOW DOWN JUST A BIT? I'M HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING A CLEAR READING WHILE WE FLEE IN TERROR.
MEDULLA-- SERIOUSLY?!
I KNOW, YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT THESE CREATURES LOOK SO UNIQUE...
COSMO! IT'S ORBI! DO YOU COPY?! SOMETHING IS CHASING US THROUGH THE GAMES!

I COPY, ORBI!
ZOT
ZOT
I THINK I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT'S AFTER YOU.
ZOT
MOON MONSTER MAYHEM

GET TO COVER OR HIGH GROUND! WE'LL BACK YOU UP AS SOON AS WE CAN!
HOW? THERE'S NO WAY OUT!
OR IS THERE?
IF I WERE TO HEROICALLY SHOOT OUT THE WINDOW, THE EXPLOSIVE DECOMPRESSION WOULD SUCK US OUT! OR THE MONSTERS!
...OR BOTH! DOUBLE GENIUS PLAN!
CORNDOG!
COSMO.
WHATEVER! GIVE ME YOUR MARTIAN DEATH RAY! I HAVE A PLAN!
ZOOT
"DEATH RAY"?! IT'S A CONCUSSIVE STUN BLASTER!
YOU SAY "BLASTER," I SAY "VICTORY"!

Um...?
...BUT... DECOMPRES-SION...?
PEOPLE NEED TO BREATHE AND BE COMFORTABLE? THAT'S WHY THERE'S AN ARTIFICIAL ATMOSPHERE!
IT'S A THEME PARK, REMEMBER?
DON'T TRY TO CONFUSE ME WITH YOUR MARTIAN LOGIC!
ZOT
IT'S STILL A WAY OUT! MOVE IT, PEOPLE!

GOOD POINT.
C'MON, MR. GULLYWHUMPUS! COVER ME, COSMO!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THEEEEEEE
EEEK!
ZOT
FOLLOW ME, MAX!
DON'T GIVE ME ORDERS, ALIEN!
FOLLOW ME-- PLEASE!
BETTER!
ZOT
ZOT
KRASH

C'MON! JUMP!
IT'S NOT THAT FAR!
I'M STUCK!
≥Sigh≤
WE COULD ALWAYS LEAVE HIM AND USE HIS SHIP FOR PARTS?
NO, ASTRA.
LINK UP WITH THE OTHERS. I'LL SAVE THE EARTH-LING.
AYE-AYE.
WHAT KIND OF RESCUE OPERATION IS THIS?!

IT'S FINE NOW! I AM HERE!

MAX?!
MAX?
YOU CAME BACK FOR ME? FEAR NOT, ALIEN HORROR! NOW I WILL RESCUE YOU FROM THE MORE HORRIBLE ALIEN HORRORS!
LOT
NO. STAY! I'M COMING DOWN!

ZOT
COSMO TO ASTRA--I'VE GOT MAX. DID YOU FIND EVERYONE?

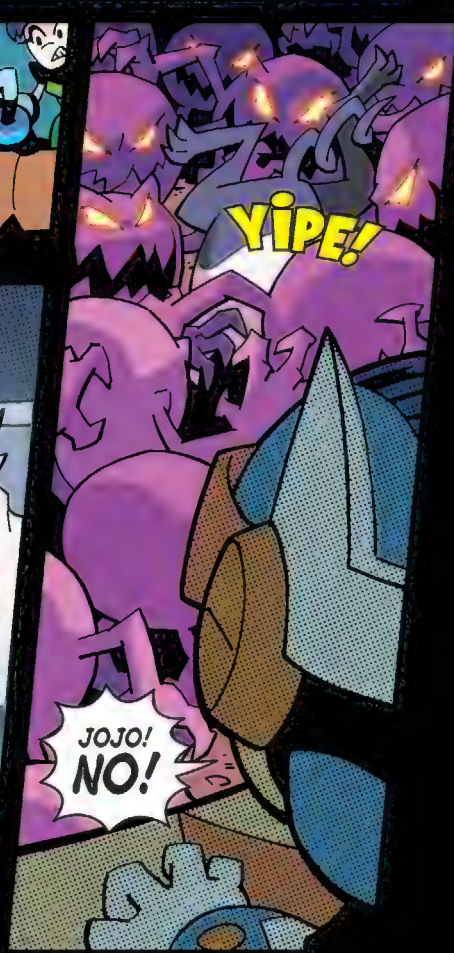
I'VE FOUND THEM, BUT THEY WON'T COME TO HIGHER GROUND!
WE'VE GOT A DEFENSIBLE POSITION!
WHY CAN'T I SHOOT LIKE THIS WHEN I'M TRYING TO WIN THE BIG PRIZES?
BOP
BOP
THOMP
THOMP
THOMP
BOP
PERHAPS THEY'LL COME WHEN THEY'VE RUN OUT OF TENNIS BALLS?
ZOT

WHOOPS. OUT OF AMMO. TIME TO GET TO HIGHER GROUND!

OOH! FROM THAT VANTAGE POINT, I SHOULD GET SPLENDID READINGS!
I DUNNO WHO'S SCARIER-- HER OR THE MONSTERS!

GRRRRR

GRRRRR


YIPE!
JOJO! NO!

ATTABOY, JOJO!

...DID YOUR DOG JUST TURN INTO A LADDER?
WHAT'S A "DOG"?
EEK!
I MEAN-- MORE OF THE BEASTS HAVE FOUND US!
WE NEED TO REGROUP WITH THE OTHERS. LET'S GO.
OKAY, I CAN CLIMB TO THEM EASILY ENOUGH. YOUR STUMPY MARTIAN PHYSIOLOGY WON'T DO, THOUGH.
I KNOW! I'LL TEAR DOWN ONE OF THE TENTS, TETHER YOU TO MY WAIST, AND HOIST YOU TO SAFETY!
KLIK
BWOOSH

HOORAY! YOU MADE IT!
HEY, BUDDY!
WHERE'S THE EARTHLING?
HE WAS RIGHT BEHIND--?
RRRAAAHHGGHH!
SO...EARTH SPACESUITS DON'T HAVE BUILT-IN ROCKET BOOTS?
NO, THEY DON'T HAVE ROCKET BOOTS!

WHEW! WELL, NOW THAT WE'VE GOT A SECOND TO BREATHE...
GETTING ANY GOOD... SCIENCE...STUFF OVER THERE, MEDULLA?
Oh, YES. BUT ALSO A CURIOSITY. THE CREATURES MENACING US BELOW...

...HAVE THE EXACT SAME READINGS AS THIS LUNITE.

QUICK! TOSS IT BEFORE IT TRANSFORMS! I'D DO IT MYSELF BUT MY HANDS ARE CRAMPING!

ALL RIGHT, OOG. I THINK YOU NEED TO EXPLAIN A FEW THINGS.
I SUPPOSE I OWE YOU AT LEAST THAT MUCH, HUH?

WE WERE WORKING TO RESTORE THIS AMUSEMENT PARK FOR LUNITE USE.

ONE DAY, A WOMAN CAME WITH AN INCREDIBLY CHEAP SUPPLY ORDER. WE JUMPED AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO UNDER-BUDGET.

BUT WHAT ARRIVED WAS SOME STRANGE MATERIAL.

WHEN EXPOSED TO WHATEVER WAS IN THAT CRATE, MY KINSMEN TURNED INTO THOSE... *LUNATIKS!*

MARTIAN TREACHERY! REVENGE FOR STEALING THEIR ABANDONED PARK!
ARE ALL EARTHLINGS LIKE YOU?
I LIKE TO THINK OF MYSELF AS A UNIQUE SPECIMEN.
ONE CAN ONLY HOPE.
WHAT DID THE WOMAN LOOK LIKE?
SHE WASN'T LUNITE OR MARTIAN, THAT'S FOR SURE. POINTY EARS, PALE GREEN SKIN, VERY STYLISH OUTFIT.
...SMELLED OF SULPHER.
A VENUSIAN BATTLE PRINCESS!
THERE'S LIFE ON VENUS, TOO?!
SOCIALLY? NOT SO MUCH. BUT THEIR SPAS ARE DIVINE!

MEDULLA, NEED YOU WITH US, HONEY.
YES! RIGHT! IMPENDING XENOCIDE!

SINCE MR. GULLYWHUMPUS HERE ISN'T INFECTED, I CAN USE HIS BIO-DATA TO RENDER AN ANTI-MUTAGEN AND RETURN THE LUNITES TO NORMAL.
YOU CAN DO THAT?!
Oh, YES, I'M QUITE SURE...

...PROVIDED I CAN GET BACK TO THE UFO'S LAB.
THESE "LUNATIKS" HAVEN'T BEEN COOPERATIVE IN LETTING US GET ANY-WHERE.

LET'S JUST SEND MEAT-SHIELD BACK DOWN THERE! HE CHARGED THROUGH THEM EASILY ENOUGH! HAHA!
HOW ABOUT YOU COME WITH ME? WE CAN USE YOUR HELMET AS A BATTERING RAM!
I-I-I-IT W-W-WAS A J-J-J-JOKE!

ACTUALLY...I THINK THERE'S A PLAN IN THERE.
NO, THERE'S NOT!
I'VE GOT A TALL ORDER FOR YOU, JOJO. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN TRANSFORM INTO SOMETHING BIG ENOUGH TO CLEAR US A PATH?
ATTABOY.
WHOOSH
BOING
GO-GO, JOJO!
FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BALL, LADIES AND GENTS! IT SHOULD BE A STRAIGHT SHOT TO THE SHIP FROM HERE!

SKYOW
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, MARTIANS. YOU'RE THE BUFFET FOR MY DELIGHTFUL LITTLE MINIONS!
NEXT:
BATTLE PRINCESS
PANIC!

MARTIAN MEMO

DATA FILE: MAX

A human astronaut from the near-future. He was sent out to explore Mars in search for signs of life. Instead, Cosmo found (and rescued) him. Arrogant and out of his depth, Max tries to take command at all the wrong times. When push comes to shove, Max is a team player when it matters most.

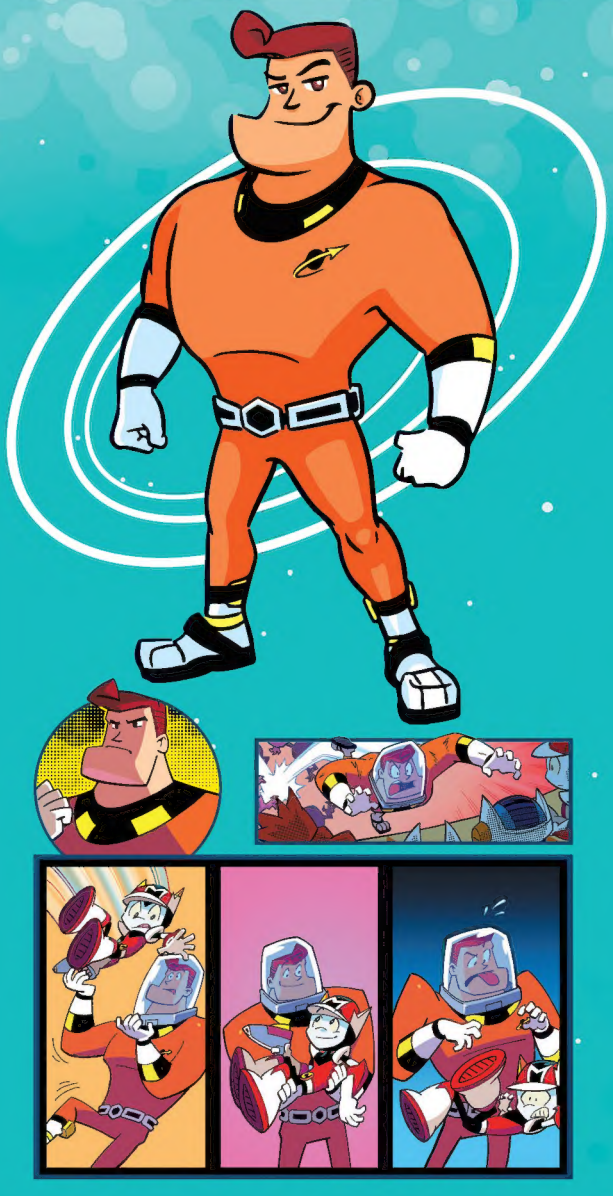
Name: Max Strongjaw

Home planet: Earth

Age: 28

Likes: Exploration, weight training, arcade games, pulled pork

Dislikes: Romantic comedies, bossy people, potato salad



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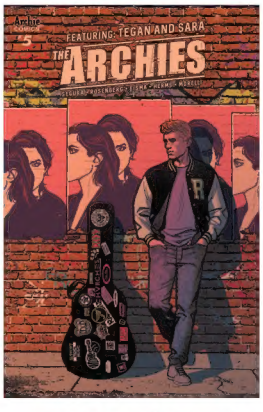

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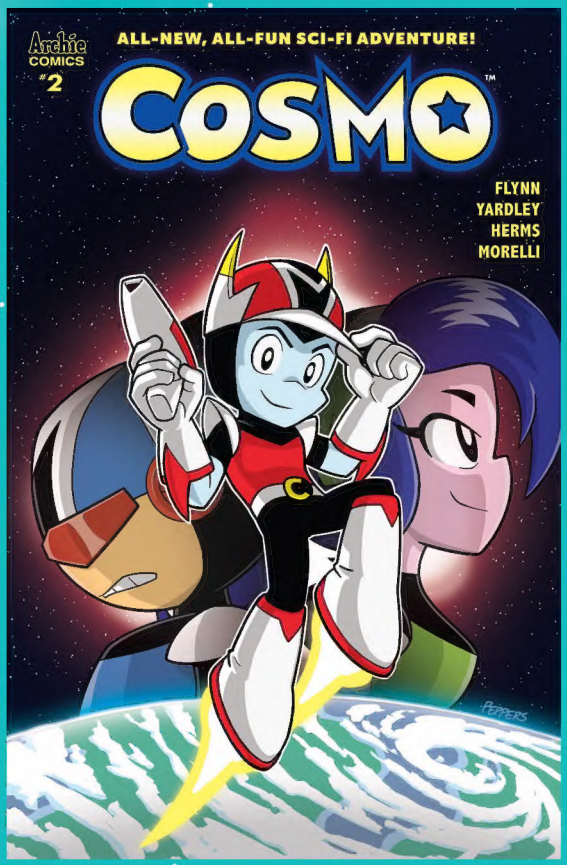

JAMAL PEPPERS

EVAN STANLEY

NEXT ISSUE...

Cosmo's moon mission gets messy when a nefarious new foe appears! Can the Martian crew turn the tables on the vicious Venus princess, Cleo, or will they succumb to her will?

"WHAT KIND OF RESCUE OPERATION IS THIS?!"

Get ready for out-of-this-world fun in the ALL-NEW sci-fi adventure series COSMO! Join Cosmo and his Martian crew as they find excitement and dangers in the deepest corners of space! When a lunar rescue mission takes a turn for the worse, Cosmo and his team must make a daring escape from a chaotic carnival of creatures! This is one thrill ride you won't want to miss!

Join writer **IAN FLYNN** (*JUGHEAD*) and artist **TRACY YARDLEY** (*RIDING SHOTGUN*) and brace yourself for high-flying, sci-fi adventure.

ALL-AGES

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